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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SEIZURE OF AIR CALEDONIA PLANE

REF: BRUX 4372 TO DEPT

BRUSSELS FOR EMBASSY AND FAA

1. SUMMARY: DEPT CONTACTED AIR CALEDONIA (A-C). A-C ASSERTED AIRCRAFT BELONGS ELLIOT INTERNATIONAL, IS NOT SUBJECT TO CLAIMS AGAINST A-C. FAA CONFIRMS REGISTRATION TO ELLIOT. ELLIOT HAS RETAINED LAWYER, WILL ATTEMPT TO FREE PLANE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPTOFF CONTACTED A-C OFFICE IN SALT LAKE CITY. A-C SAID AIRCRAFT BELONGS TO ELLIOT INTERNATIONAL OF SAN FRANCISCO. DEPT CONTACTED JOHN K. ELLIOT IN TURN. ELLIOT ASSERTS DC-8-21 AIRCRAFT, US REGISTRY NUMBER N-6573C, IS REGISTERED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ELLIOT, NOT TO A-C. ELLIOT DENIES ANY PROPRIETARY

INTEREST IN A-C, AND DENIES EVER HAVING BEEN OFFICER OF A-C MANAGEMENT.

3. FAA/WASH CONFIRMS OUR INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRY OF AIRCRAFT TO ELLIOT. FAA CAN PROVIDE, UPON ELLIOT REQUEST, REGISTERED EXEMPLIFIED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS, FOR COURT USE.

4. ELLIOT SAYS A-C STANDARD PRACTICE IS TO LEAVE AIRCRAFT WHILE PASSENGERS ARE ON TOUR, SAVING COST OF FUEL FOR FERRY FLIGHTS. A-C OFFICE ADVISED MAY 26 RETURN DATE WAS SLIPPED TO JUNE 1. ELLIOT SAYS RETURN DATE IS JUNE 2.

5. ELLIOT ASSERTS LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN OSTEND INSTIGATED BY A MR BEUKUN, ON BEHALF MAURITIANS SOCIETY, BASED ON WHAT ELLIOT CLAIMS IS UNJUST GRIEVANCE. ELLIOT HAS RETAINED LEGAL COUNSEL, GAVE NAME MR SHINE OF L.R. BURKE AND CO., 14 GLOUCESTER PLACE, PORTMAN SQUARE, LONDON W.1 ELLIOT SAYS HE SENDING TRUE COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION TO SHINE, TO CONVINCE COURT THAT AIRCRAFT IS NOT SUBJECT TO CLAIMS ON A-C.

6. FYI: ELLIOT MAY DENY CONNECTION WITH A-C, BUT IS APPARENTLY QUITE CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH SITUATION, MORE SO THAN A-C SALT LAKE OFFICE. ELLIOT HAS ONCE IN PAST PHONED DEPT, REPRESENTING SELF TO DEPT OFF (EB/AVP) AS BEING QTE WITH AIR CALEDONIA UNQTE. END FYI.

7. DEPT WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN PASSENGER LIST FOR BRUSSELS.

8. REQUESTED ACTIONS:

BRUSSELS MAY WISH REPEAT REFTEL FOR LONDON. AIR CALEDONIA UNWILLING MAKE ALTERNATIVE PLANS AT MOMENT. WE CANNOT FORCE ALTERNATIVE, AND SHOULD MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORST, WHILE ATTEMPTING AVERT DISASTER. IDEAL SITUATION WOULD BE FOR COURT ,,, TO ACCEPT ELLIOT CLAIMS PARA 5 ABOVE.

LONDON: APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION OF LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BRUSSELS, INFO DEPT, PLUS ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO LAWYER. INGERSOLL
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